<u>REMARKS</u>

1. Transmitted herewith under separate cover is a substitute specification for this

application. Also included is a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the

changes made to the original.

2. Applicant has rewritten claims 1-4, and 6-7 as new claims 8-13 to address the §112

rejections thereof. The Examiner has indicated that claims contain allowable material, and

has cited no grounds for rejection of these claims apart from §112.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant now asserts that all of the

grounds for rejection have been traversed or overcome by amendment, and that all of the

present claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore requests

reconsideration of the objections and rejections, and solicits allowance of the present

claims at an early date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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